

## **PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Public Art Commission took place on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. at the Cambridge Arts Council.

### **The following members were present:**

Julie Graham  
Mags Harries  
Miriam Stewart  
T.K. McClintock

### **Staff present:**

Jeremy Gaucher, Public Art Administrator  
Lillian Hsu, Director of Public Art

### **1) Flocks Test Installation – Carolina Aragon**

Carolina conducted a PowerPoint presentation of the test site installation for Flocks located in North Point Park. The nets were installed on Tuesday, September 28. Over the following weekend, weather conditions resulted in the failure of most of the connections of the birds, resulting in the detachment of nearly all 100 birds installed. Of those that broke off, roughly 30 were recovered by the artist. Carolina will change the connection mechanisms, as well the strength of the line connecting the birds to the superstructure and re-hang the remaining birds as a second test.

**See details in PDF of Presentation Attached**

### **PAC Response**

Mags suggested that Carolina try to use a swivel hook often used with fishing equipment. It was also recommended that she use of titanium staples instead of stitching for the body of the bird.

CAC Staff will help Carolina coordinate with Electrical Department to hang the second test.

**PAC Approves the project contingent upon success of new equipment. Carlina to present the ongoing results of the second test at the November 3 PAV Meeting.**

### **2) Ongoing Projects - Update**

#### **Kendall/Main St Resurfacing**

Catherine D'Ignazio and Dina Deitsch acted as the Artist Jury and selected 5 artists to be invited to submit 2-3 designs for consideration. Along with 5 alternates:

On Main Street/Kendall Square project:

Lillian reported the results of the art jury that met on October 12 to select 5 artists for the Main Street/Kendal Square bike rack designs as well as a short list of artists for small park projects. 5 artists and 4 alternates are:

First choice 5:  
Carrie Bodle  
Aaron Stephan

Matthew Hincman  
Robert Chambers  
Case Randall

Alternates ranked in order of preference:

Artists for Humanities

Laura Ward

Abby Goodman

Nick Rodriguez

Lillian explained the scope and the process for the Main Street project, a combination of the ongoing desire to have a funded site where artists could be commissioned for unique bike racks and the desire to have a public art project with restricted parameters and greater public comment. The total budget for the art project is \$50,000. The 5 artists will be paid \$500 each to develop 2-3 designs each for unique bike racks, working with Dero, the fabricator that the City has chosen. All bike racks would ultimately need to satisfy the requirements of the City and of Dero in terms of efficiency of space and ease of maintenance.

TK wondered if the City had considered some very interesting bike racks that he has seen in his travels that might be already designed and fabricated. Lillian said she assumed that the bike committee and project managers on this site had thoroughly researched bike rack designs, but could confirm that.

Mags stated it would be helpful for the artists, before they begin designing, to speak with the biking community. Lillian said the Bicycle Committee (composed of both residents and city staff) would be a good place to reach that representation. Lillian confirmed that PAC members and art jury members will be invited to the final review of designs, answering a concern that only the property owners would have final say in selection of the designs.

Mags also asked if it would be possible for an artist to offer their own fabricator. Lillian suggested that such an option could be offered if reliability and quality could be equal to Dero.

There is the probability that the City will also purchase standard bike racks in order for there to be enough spots for bikes, but this will need to be clarified later.

**Registry (Small-Budget) Short List:** D'Ignazio, Deitsch, & Miller also selected a short list for smaller projects for the coming year:

The artists selected for the short list for small budgets are:

Ellen Harvey

Soo Sunny Park  
Abby Goodman  
Lisa Greenfield  
Aaron Stephan  
Matthew Hincman  
John Ewing  
Resa Blatman  
Timothy Murdoch  
Paula Meijerink  
Case Randall  
Karrie Hovey

In addition, the art jury selected artists they thought would be good candidates for mural sites:

Mark Gagnon  
Resa Blatman  
Caleb Neelon  
Kirk Lybecker  
John Rosis  
Marcie Paper

**Western Ave:** Matthew Mazzotta held an open meeting in September and spoke with several residents to receive feedback about the upcoming project.

**3) Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Next Meeting: 5:30pm, November 3, 2010